



Hampshire  
County Council

# Bright Spots 2018

The *Bright Spots Well-Being Indicators*, places children's experience and voices at the heart of how we measure subjective well-being.

The survey identifies the areas where children appear to be flourishing and where things could be improved, providing an evidence base of children's experience and well-being to inform service improvements.



# Demographics

The survey was completed by 378 children and young people. The response rate was 29%: a fall from the 37% who completed last year.

74% of children (8-11yrs) and young people (11-18yrs) in Hampshire felt that their lives were getting 'a bit better' or 'much better'.

More boys (55%) completed the survey than girls (44%), which reflected the local looked after population.



Children of Asian, black, mixed and other ethnicities appear proportionately over-represented in the survey as they make up 10% of the care population in Hampshire's statistical return to the DfE (2017) compared to 19% in our sample.

- Children and young people in Hampshire reported positive relationships with their carers.
- In comparison to their peers across 16 LAs, a significantly larger proportion of the youngest children (4-7yrs) thought their carers noticed their feelings.

- 70% of young people talked regularly with their carers about things that mattered to them. This was a larger proportion compared to their peers in the general population,
- In Hampshire, children and young people reported that they felt safe and settled in their homes.

# Improved services

- Reduced changes of social worker through implementation of CAST
- Recruiting Volunteer Independent Visitors
- Increasing 'Life Story' work training
- Regularly reviewing contact